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To: Hingtgen, Robert J
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Subject: Are Jacumba water sales in violation?
Attachments: Jacumba water dist map.pdf; Jacumba water dist profile.pdf; ECO Substation Amended Construction Water Supply Plan.pdf

Robert – Please advise if Donna is correct. Do you agree these sales are violations and if so, what action will the County take to preserve the communities' water supplies?

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Subject: Jacumba water sales in violation?

Hello Robert

Reading through the governing documents that are publicly available for the Jacumba Community Services District (JCSD), I believe that bulk water sales for non-domestic uses outside their designated sphere of influence, to ECO Substation, Tule Wind, and Soitec Solar, demonstrate that they are not in compliance.

I am providing the attached documents for your review:

1. JCSD sphere of influence map from LAFCO
2. JCSD water district profile from LAFCO
3. ECO Substation Amended Construction Water with JCSD will serve letter at page 17 , for 15 million gallons of water through July 2014, and JCSD governing documents at page 25-32

According to the ECO Substation Project Construction Water Use report for January 1-31, 2014, secured from the CPUC project manager, the JCSD had already sold 10,474,626 gallons. And the water trucks keep rolling....

JCSD has authorized additional bulk water sales with little more than a brief e-mail request from Soitec and Iberdrola. Justified concerns have been raised that these bulk sales are impacting private domestic wells that are not being monitored.

All of these massive energy / transmission projects are allegedly needed to reduce green house gases to prevent climate change and the environmental damages related to climate change. And yet, SDG&E is authorized for over one million miles for trucking water for ECO Substation, and precious groundwater resources are being dumped on the ground to evaporate in our high desert arid climate--and do not serve as recharge to local aquifers. Carbon sequestering soil, chaparral, and other native vegetation are being destroyed for these projects.

JCSD is not alone. The Pine Valley Mutual Water Company also appears to be in violation of their governing documents with sales to non shareholders and non state entites, outside their sphere of influence, and the

Campo Band of Kumeyaay are also pushing the limits with their 50 plus million gallons they agreed to sell to contractors for the ECO Substation-without the required approval of their General Council and Campo EPA.

In the current drought conditions, our stressed aquifers may never recover what is currently being withdrawn at alarming rates. Climate Change impacts on groundwater supplies, existing users, and sensitive habitats and wildlife are not being addressed in the EIRs for these projects or in the County's pre-drought Climate Action Plan (overturned in court) the 2007 Hydrology Guidelines for Determining Significance, and other County policies and guidelines.

For now, please advise who has jurisdiction and enforcement authority over the JCSD, and who we should direct our requests to for stepping up protections and committed County monitoring for our irreplaceable and vulnerable groundwater resources. Project applicants/developers must be held accountable for the disproportionate damages that are now being inflicting in rural East County.

Thank you,

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bcc interested parties